Telephone Connection in U.P.

845. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications for telephone connections pending in each district of U.P. since, 1989;

(b) what is the number of telephone connection likely to be provided in each district during the current year;

(c) what is the number of telephone connections sanctioned out of turn since 1989 by his Ministry; and

(d) what is the time schedule fixed to take action on the remaining applications pending for telephone connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Information is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) As per Eighth Plan objectives the waiting period for telephone connections will be contained to two years in large telephone system and telephones will be provided practically on demand in rural and tribal areas. Expansion plans for Uttar Pradesh are being made accordingly.

Post and Telegraph Office in Faridabad

846. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no post or telegraph office in or near about Sector 29, Housing Board Colony of HUDA in Faridabad;

(b) whether the residents have to go to Old Faridabad Sub-Post Office to buy postage articles;

(c) whether for sending telegrams, they have to travel a distance of more than three Kms.; and

(d) if answer to (a), (b) and (c) above are in the positive, what action Government propose to remove the difficulties of the residents and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a), (b) and (d)

Post Offices:

Yes, Sir.

Though a Departmental Sub Post Office has been sanctioned on 10-4-93 it could not be opened so far due to non-availability of a suitable building on rent in spite of best effort made to secure a rented building for housing the Sub Post Office on its opening. Still all out efforts are being made to find out a suitable building for the Sub Post Office at Sector 29, Faridabad.

Telegraph Office:

(a) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir. For sending telegrams, the residents of Sector 29 Housing Board Colony of HUDA in Faridabad can go to Railway Road Post and Telegraph Office, within 3 Kms. of Sector 29.

(d) Does not arise.

Telephone facility in Gram Panchayats of Assam

847. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to provide telephone to gram Panchayats in Assam;

(b) if so, the number of telephones provided to gram panchayats in Assam during the year 1992-93 district-wise; and

(c) what is the number of gram panchayats such facilities are proposed to be provided during the year 1993-94, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 555 Panchayat Villages in Assam have been covered with telephone facility during the year 1992-93. District-wise details are shown in the Statement. (*See* below).

620 Panchayat Villages in Assam are proposed to be provided with Telephone facility during the year 1993-94. District-wise details are shown in the Statement. (*See* below).

Statement

District-wise details of panchayat villages in Assam provided/proposed with telephone Facility

Sl. No.	Districts	No. of Panchayat Villages provided with telephone facility during 1992-93	No. of Panchayat Villages proposed for Telephone facility during 1993-94
1	2	3	4
1.	Dibrugarh .	22	14
2.	Tinsukia .	16	16
3.	Sibsagar .	22	25
4.	Golaghat .	23	25
5.	Jorhat .	27	40
6.	Nagaon .	101	70
7.	Marigaon .	5	20
8.	North Lakhimpur	4	10
9.	Dhemaji .	5	15
10.	Sonitpur .	48	40
11.	Darrang .	24	50
12.	Goalpara .	9	20
13.	Kokrajhar .	17	50
14.	Nalbari .	16	50
15.	Dhubri .	23	55
16.	Barpeta .	18	20
17.	Bongaigaon .	6	10
18.	Cachar .	73	20
19.	Karimganj .	20	15
20.	Hailakandi	8	15
21.	Kamrup	68	40
	TOTAL :	555	620

Deposits charged by MTNL for new Telephone connections

848. SHRI PASUMPON THAKIRUTTINAN:

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a deposit equal to a year's rental is being charged from those who are issued new telephone connections by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited in Delhi and Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the terms of this deposit indicating the rate of interest allowed in the deposit and the period for which it is retained by the Nigam;